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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 and further to the previously filed Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner.

Commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application No. 11/813,329 which is the national stage of PCT/JP2005/024035, filed December 28, 2005, which published as WO 2006/073106 A1.

In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R 1.98, a copy of the U.S. application is not submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to review the file at the Patent and Trademark Office. If any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

A copy of the above-noted PCT document is enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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